

# THE CHARLEROI MAIL

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ONE CENT

## DIES FROM INJURIES RECEIVED WHEN RUN OVER BY CAR

Foreigner Gets Off Wrong Side-And is Struck by Car on Other Track

## LIVES BUT A SHORT TIME

Was On His Way Home From Monessen When Accident Happens. Given Immediate Medical Attention But With No Avail.

Tadislav Vrbanic of Monessen died last night as a result of being run over by a street car on the W. M. B. V. & F. C. street railways line in Monessen. Vrbanic had boarded the car at Monessen and was going to

Aberdeen stop which is between Monessen and Wrexham. When the car

stopped at this place Vrbanic climbed

under the railing on the blind side of

the car instead of getting off the right side. As he got off the car, the car going to Monessen run over him

and both of his legs were cut off above

the knee. This happened in front of

the Pittsburg Steel Products com-

pany entrance. The motorman and

conductor, assisted by Howard Lud-

wig and Harry Stone of Charleroi

picked the body up and summoned a

doctor. A car was brought from the

Pittsburg Steel Products hospital

and medical attention was given but

the man had died shortly after the

accident occurred. The car left Monessen at 8 o'clock and the accident

happened at 8:15 A. D. Duguesne

was the motorman and George Mills

was the conductor of the car. Vrbanic

is 48 years of age and lives at 88

Schoonmaker avenue Monessen. The

inquest will be held in a few days as

soon as particulars can be found out

## FUNERAL SERVICES

## HELD THIS MORNING

Obsequies For Mabel Nickeson Held This Morning, With Interment in Monongahela Cemetery—They Were Private

Funeral services were held this morning at 10 o'clock for Mabel Nickeson the 10 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Nickeson who died Wednesday afternoon at 4:15 a victim of infantile paralysis. Rev. John R. Burson, pastor of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church conducted the services which were private and held on the porch at the home on Meadow avenue. A short address was made. There many beautiful floral tributes. Interment was in the Monongahela cemetery.

CHAPLIN PICTURE WILL BE SHOWN LATER

Manager Coyle of the Coyle Theatre has announced that the Chaplin feature, "One A. M." which was scheduled to be shown tonight, has been postponed on account of the youngsters not being able to see it. This feature will be shown at a later date.

## DIES FROM INJURIES RECEIVED WHEN HE FALLS DOWN SHAFT

Dominick Lavances of Ellsworth died Thursday from injuries received when he accidentally fell down a shaft at the Ellsworth mine number 2 Wednesday at about 3 o'clock. He fell down a shaft and was immediately brought to Charleroi and from there he was taken to the Charleroi-Monessen hospital where he died Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The body was taken to the home of his cousin, Frances Lavances at 827 Crest avenue. He is an Italian and leaves a wife and three children in Italy. The funeral will probably be held Thursday from St. Jerome's church. Interment will be in the Calvary cemetery.

## CUT ON HEAD WHEN FELLOW WORKMAN FALLS

Workman Falls Off Scaffold With Hatchet in Hand and Strikes Fellow Workman on Head as he Lands At Bottom

Francis Larcinese received a deep cut on the top of his head at about 8:30 Thursday morning when he was struck with a hatchet in the hands of a fellow workman when he fell from the scaffolding on which they were working at Lock 4. Both men are employed as carpenters and were at work filling in concrete in the dam when one man slipped from his position and fell with a hatchet in his hand which struck Larcinese on the head with the sharp side. Medical attention was given to the wounded man and he is able to be about. The wound is not serious although it is severe.

## RINGGOLD CALVARY REUNION SEPT. 19

Famous Beallsville Battalion to Join Washington County Veterans in Two Days Gathering.

A reunion of all the old soldiers of Washington county in Washington, September 19 and 20, has been planned at a meeting of William F. Templer Post, No. 120, G. A. R., Civil war veterans, the Spanish American war veterans and of any foreign war service in the United States army will be invited to participate. The plan to hold the reunion was taken hold of enthusiastically, and a program for the two day meeting was partially outlined before the adjournment of the meeting.

The reunion will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday and so will not conflict with any other engagements of the week. Washington is considered an ideal place for such an event, being easy of access from all parts of the county and with abundant facilities for entertaining the veterans in the proper style.

During the month's absence of Attorney McCloskey from Charleroi, Attorney Tombaugh of Washington will be at the McCloskey office Friday and Saturday of each week. 56-56\*

## COLLISION OF AUTO INJURES SIX

William Risbeck, Wife and Mother-in-Law In Accident

—Taken to Hospital at Brownsville  
Machine Damaged

William Risbeck, aged 36 years, for the miners. Risbeck, who was proprietor of the Irondale hotel at Donora; Mrs. Risbeck, aged 34, and Mrs. Risbeck's mother Mrs. Cordis Gadd, aged 60 were injured in an automobile collision on the National Pike east of Brownsville about 6 o'clock Thursday evening.

Risbeck had numerous cuts about his legs and left side, while the women are suffering chiefly from shock. Mrs. Gadd was unconscious for some time following the accident.

An unknown diver, racing his car at high speed and refusing to give up any of the road, is held responsible

## BODY OF WOMAN FOUND IN THE RIVER

Discovered This Morning on Monessen Side of River

Near Charleroi - Monessen Bridge —  
Brought to Charleroi

This morning between 7 and 8 while her husband was at work in the Pittsburgh Steel mill in Monessen. It is claimed that a neighbor living in the same house saw her leave but nothing was suspicious at the time.

It seems as though no investigation

was made even after her absence. No

cause is known for leaving home and

it is supposed that she waded in the

river near where she was found, with

suicidal intent.

Doctor Edwin McKay held a post

mortem examination this morning.

Coroner Heffran was notified this

morning but no arrangements have

been made for the inquest.

Mrs. Vargo was 35 years of age

and besides her husband three chil-

children survive. No arrangements have

been made for the funeral.

The function of the "mixer" is to keep the liquid metal from the blast furnaces hot over the Sunday lay off so that when the furnaces are charged on Monday morning or Sunday night it can be done with liquid metal. Heretofore the Saturday heats at the blast furnace had to be run into pigs and delivered cold to the open hearth on resuming operations. The new process will enable the latter department to produce steel in much shorter time.

Work is almost completed on the Duplex converter and this device will be in operation about Sept. 1. The process in this department is quite

interesting, as the iron from the blast

furnaces is poured into the converter

where it is subjected to a heavy

draft from huge turbine engines and in this manner a number of impurities are literally "blown away" and

the open hearth process is thus shorted by several hours.

The completion of these units puts into operation all the new work planned for Donora in the appropriations of 1915, which caused the biggest

boom in local history. Many new

additions are being made at the zinc

works constantly, but the original

plant is completed in detail.

HORMELL FAMILY HOLDS

## SCHOOLS CLOSED UNTIL SEPT. 18 BY ORDER OF STATE DEPARTMENT

New Order Issued Covers All the Schools In Pennsylvania

## WILL NOT SHORTEN TERM

Message Sent Out by Dr. Dixon After Conferring With Advisory Board. Parochial Schools and Sunday Schools Are Included.

The action of the Charleroi Health department in closing the schools has been sanctioned by the state health department, as is evidenced by the word sent out from Harrisburg by Dr. Samuel G. Dixon last night, to all city, borough and county school superintendents. The message also includes all parochial schools. The message is as follows:

"The state department of health of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania has decided that all schools, public, private and parochial in this state be closed until Monday, September 18, 1916, with possible readjustments then with reference to geographical position, age and attendance of resident pupils."

While the local quarantine would have only held the opening of the local schools over one day this new ruling means a still further idleness of two weeks. While no official action had been taken it was thought advisable by different members of the local board to keep the schools closed for at least one month as this would be far better than opening them now with a possibility of closing later should other cases of infantile paralysis develop. This will simply mean that the closing of the schools next spring will be later. The length of the school term will not be changed.

## POOR CHILDRENS FRESH AIR PICNIC CALLED OFF

Will Be Given at Later Date. Instructions From Health Department Are to This Effect

The first annual fresh air outing and picnic of the poor children of Charleroi and Monessen which was to have been held at Oakland Park Tuesday, August 29 has been called off on account of the rigid quarantine established in the two towns. This is in compliance with instructions from the health departments. Providing there is no further development of infantile paralysis in this section the picnic will be given at a later date. The committee in charge wish to thank all those who have made donations and in case the picnic is given later they will be called on for the subscriptions made.

## FOURTH ANNUAL REUNION TO BE HELD SATURDAY

The fourth annual reunion of the Riggs and Hazelbaker families will be held at the home of Mrs. Melissa Pringle near Mt. Tabor church, which is about one mile from Roscoe, on Saturday, August 26.

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### "SWEATING" HELD ILLEGAL

Confessions of accused prisoners obtained by "sweating" have been condemned by the Supreme Court of Missouri in a recent decision in the case of State vs. Powell. The defendant asked for a new trial alleging that an involuntary confession was obtained by the police officers, who held him in charge after two hours of continuous "sweating." It is well worth the time of police, constables and detectives to take note of this decision, which is found in 180 Southwestern Reporter, \$51. In granting the defendant a new trial the court said in part:

While confessedly it is very human failing, superinduced doubtless by constant dealing with the hardened criminal classes, which induces police officers and detectives to follow the popular attitude and presume the small the stars," and yet a woman guilty of the accused person, rather like that never could smell biscuit than his innocence, which latter presumption the law enjoins upon the

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### PICKED UP IN PASSING

It is said that Scottish humor is an electric spark that flies back and forth between the two extremes of whiskey and religion. But the following anecdote is Scottish without touching either extreme.

A wife was asked by her husband what kind of a bonnet she would like him to bring her from Glasgow, and she replied:

"Well, y'd best make it a straw bun-net. Jock, and when I'm done wi' it I'll feed it to the coo."

The minister had to leave home on a long preaching tour. Just before leaving he called his family around him to say good-bye. When he came to Bobby he said:

"Old man, I want you to be a good boy and take care of your mother."

Bobby promised. All day long he looked preternaturally grave under the heavy responsibility thus suddenly assumed. When night came and he was called to his prayers the young guardian said:

"Oh, Lord, bless father and brother Tom and sister Alice and Aunt Mary, and the little Jones boys and me, but you needn't trouble about me, for I am going to look after

There are new friends to make, new her."

Jones' opinion of himself as a golf-

and the whole is but the pleasantest

part of a life that is full of much

greater hardship than going back to school.

The announcement is made that the per capita of circulating medium in the country at present is \$88.36. Ours would be entirely intact but for the circumstance that about \$88 is miss-

ing.

Facts scarcely bear out the oft-repeated remark that men admire sensible girls, but marry the other kind.

As many of the sensible girls are married as "the other kind."

The announcement is made that the That epidemic of infantile paralysis makes a better thing to fight than anything based on foolish questions of boundaries and prestige.

If it's true that "money talks," then with movie actors getting the big pay they are reported to be getting, how can movies be called the silent drama?"

The first year of the war in Europe cost \$18,000,000,000; the second year cost \$33,000,000,000. The plain fact about war is that it never gets cheaper.

Yawning is a beneficial exercise in the opinion of a Vienna physician. That's good for you, too. It's incidental to rotaries a long time.

The chief defect of the reformer is that he aims at somebody else and never watches his own front yard.

"My love is dressed in sun-gems," says a western poet. Which is our way of having nothing to wear on a day.

"Do it electrically," or words to that effect, will become a popular slogan in Italy, where plenty of waterfalls supply electric power.

It is said the boy ween cannot stand hot weather, but there is no prospect of his getting employment in the summer resorts.

### ELECTRIC SPARKS

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Managers of the Jewish Home for Babies have made a report showing that about \$2,700 was collected on the flower day held for the institution in July. A little more than \$2,000 was collected in Pittsburgh and the following amounts were reported by the ladies' aid societies of surrounding towns: Monessen \$136.18, Donora \$29, Washington 65, Canonsburg \$48, Charleroi \$41.60, Monongahela \$50, Brownsville \$25, Uniontown \$36.60, Connellsville \$41.

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### MONESSEN HEALTH BOARD ESTABLISHES QUARANTINE

Practically Same Conditions Apply to  
Town Across River as Exists Here.  
Theatres, Churches and Schools  
Will be Closed

At a meeting of the Board of Health of Monessen last night a strict quarantine was established. This effect is practically the same as applies to Charleroi. All theatres, churches and Sunday schools are barred to children under 16 years of age. No definite time has been set for the lifting of this quarantine, but it all depends on the health conditions of the town. The public schools were not to come under the ban but the order of the state health department makes this necessary. Several members of the board were not in favor of the ruling but after some discussion it was finally established.

### THIRD GAME OF FIVE GAMES SERIES TOMORROW

The third game of the five-game series between the Monongahela City and the Pittsburg Steel Products teams will be played at the local ball grounds tomorrow. Monongahela won the two previous contests and should they be successful tomorrow it will end the series. However, the officials of the Products team are signing players right and left and show a grim determination that the series will not be won in three straight games. Manager Regester has signed Harenski, pitcher with the Greenville team and pitcher McFarland of Pittsburg and also Robertson, crack outfielder from Bridgeville. The Monongahela team will remain the same with the exception that Tillie Dewar has been signed for the remainder of the season and Ody Abbott will be found in the outfield.

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A City Built by Russia in Defiance of the Laws of Nature. It is an amazing monument to the despotism of the czars that Petrograd has furnished, as it was built in defiance of the laws of trade and of nature herself. As a port it is probably the most useless in the world, for Petrograd is isolated from sea. Not only is it cut off from the sea, but the city has been built on land and does not border on the sea. The highest elevation within the bounds of the city is less than fifteen feet above sea level, and the excess water is to be seen in nearly every street, in the moats and the wind holes.

And the czars' engineers constantly run the risk of drowning in the city, has been so bad that there is not a dry day in the year. Many of the most imposing structures are held together only by means of iron and steel, and the base brother on which Peter rides his bronze horse is ever crumbling away. The stones of the streets are continually shifting below the feet, and the great Cathedral of St. Isaac never ceases to settle on a foundation in which nearly \$1,000,000 was sunk. No less than six times or more were driven for the beautiful columns of Alexander I, yet that eighty foot monolith, the tallest and largest in Europe, has to be championed in iron.

As a dwelling place Petrograd remains the most fatal of any great city in the civilized world, with a mortality of twenty-eight to each 1,000 of population, and within ten years its death rate actually exceeded its birth rate.

## SUBMERGING A SUBMARINE.

It Takes Five Minutes For the Best of Them to Get Under.

Submarines are not easy to handle and it takes considerable skill and daring to navigate them successfully. Many people have the idea that as soon as a submarine sees an enemy, the officer in command gives a sharp order, and almost before it has left his tips the submarine is diving beneath the waves.

As a matter of fact the very latest submarines take a clear five minutes before they can become submerged. Many of the older submarines took ten minutes to a quarter of an hour to sink.

The reason that a submarine cannot dive quickly like a fish, is because the water which must be let into her tanks to make her heavy enough to sink must be let in comparatively slowly if it were let in with a rush the chances are the vessel would not go down on an even keel, but would heel over and be in great danger of disaster. If water, too, were let in too quickly there is a danger of letting in too much and in that case the submarine would sink like a stone to the bottom of the sea.

The depth at which a submarine travels under the sea is regulated by horizontal rudders. The water that is let in the ballast tanks is just sufficient to "balance" the vessel in the sea without rising or sinking.—London Spectator

Why She Wasn't There.  
An agent approaching a house met a little boy at the gate and asked:

"Is your mother home?"

"Yes, sir," said the boy politely.

The agent walked across the long lawn and after rapping several times without receiving an answer returned to the youth, saying:

"I thought you said your mother was at home."

"Yes, sir; she is," replied the boy.

"But I have rapped several times without receiving an answer."

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In California Merrill "Climbers of Danger and Daring" is this incident of real life that was told to Mr. Merrill by Merrill the famous steeplejack, to whom it occurred:

"Did you ever have an impulse to jump off a steeple?" I questioned, realizing the sensations of many people in looking down even from a house-top. "I've kept pretty free from that," said he, "but there's no doubt climbing steeples does tell on a man's nerves."

"Yes, sir, I was by him when it happened. I forgot whether the church was Baptist or Presbyterian, but I know it stood on Sixth street, near Vine, and there was a big hand on top of the steeple with the forefinger pointing to heaven."

"West hand?"

"Yes, sir, raving mad, and I was by him when it happened. I forgot whether the church was Baptist or Presbyterian, but I know it stood on Sixth street, near Vine, and there was a big hand on top of the steeple with the forefinger pointing to heaven."

"We were putting fresh gilding on this hand. I was working on the thumb side and O'Brien on the little finger side, both of us standing on tiny stagings about the size of a chair seat and both of us made fast to the steeple by life lines under our arms. That's an absolute rule in climbing steeples—never to do the smallest thing unless you're secured by a life line."

"It was coming on dark, and I was hurrying to get the gold leaf on, because we'd given the hand a fresh coat of sizing that wouldn't dry before morning. We hadn't spoken for some time, when suddenly I heard a laugh from O'Brien's side that sent a shiver down my spine. Did you ever hear a crazy man laugh? Well, if ever you do you'll remember it. I looked at him and saw by his face that something was wrong."

"What are you doing?" said I.

"He answered very polite and steady-like, but his tone was queer. I'm trying to figure out how long it would take a man to get down if he went the fastest way."

"I thought I had better keep him in a good humor, so I said, 'I'll tell you what, Dan, you brace up and get this gold on, and then we'll race to the ground in our saddles: yes, sir, without any lines, without a blamed thing.'

"Don't be a fool, Dan. What you want to do is to get that gold on—quick." I tried to speak sharp.

"No, sir; I'm going to jump, and so are you."

"I caught his eye just then and saw it wasn't any time to bother about gold leaf. I reached up and eased the hitch of my line around the hand so I could swing toward him. I knew if I once got my grip on him he wouldn't make any more trouble. But I'd never had a crazy man to deal with, and I didn't realize how tricky and quick they are. While I was working around to his side and thinking he didn't notice it he was laying for me out of the corner of his eye, and the first thing I knew he had me by the throat and everything was turning black. I let go of the line and dropped back on my saddle board helpless, and if it hadn't been for blind luck I guess the people down below would have got their money's worth in about a minute. But my hand struck the tool box as he pressed me back, and I had just strength enough left to shut my fingers on the first tool I touched and strike at him with it. The tool happened to be a monkey wrench, and when a man gets a clip on the head with a thing like that he's pretty apt to keep still for awhile. And that's what O'Brien did. He keeled over and lay there, and I did, too, until my head got steady. Even then I guess we'd both have fallen if it hadn't been for the life lines."

"The rest was simple enough after I got my senses back. Dan was unconscious, and all I had to do was fasten a rope to him and lower away. They took care of him down below until the ambulance came, and he spent that night in a hospital. And he's spent most of his years since then in an asylum, his mind all gone except for short periods, when he comes to himself again, and then he always starts out to put an end to me. That's last impulse to destroy me has never left him."

## NOT IN HIS LINE.

A society for disseminating religious literature once sent a bundle of tracts to a railway manager for placing in the waiting room with the title, "A Route to New Jerusalem." He returned them with the message, "We cannot place the tracts, as New Jerusalem is not on our system."—London Tit-Bits.

## They All Do Then.

"Tell me, is there ever a time when you feel that you really hate your husband?"

"Yes. The times when he telephone me at the last minute that he won't be home for supper."—Detroit Free Press.

An ounce of mirth is worth a pound of sorrow.—Hawthorne.

## Savages and Place Names.

It is very rare that savages give names to extensive lands as a whole, and at first sight this seems surprising. Yet when we reflect that the average savage rarely travels more than 100 miles from his birthplace it is quite natural he should know nothing beyond his personal knowledge.

If savages live on a very large island they are acquainted with only a small part of it and give names only to those portions with which they are familiar.

The largest islands of the Pacific have no native names. No name for the continent of Africa is known among its savage tribes. When told that they live in Africa a common response is that they never heard of such a country.

As the Pacific explorers were careful to learn native names if they could and take them. Cook was particularly anxious to learn native names for all the islands he visited because he could find no other appellations.—Even

## Dances in Court.

An unusual scene was once witnessed in a French law court, the civil tribunal at Nantes. The defendant, a dancer, had engaged a young lady dancer, whose performances at rehearsals did not come up to his expectation. He therefore would not let her appear, and the fair dancer took action against him for breach of contract. The defendant alleged that she had not even learned the first steps of her art, and, little being a plain issue, the judge determined to decide for himself. A space was accordingly furnished cleared on the floor of the court, and in these unusual surroundings the young lady duly went through her steps and pirouettes. In the result the judge felt justified in certifying that she was quite an expert dancer and decided the case in her favor. Henceforth she advertised herself as the only dancer in the country with a legal certificate of proficiency.

## How Leap Year Started.

Hampson in his "Mediæval Encyclopedia" quotes the following quaint tradition from an old Saxon treatise: "Some assert that the bissextrus or leap day comes through that, that Joshua prayed to God that the sun might stand still for one day's length that he might sweep the heathen from the land that God had granted him and his followers. It is true that the sun did stand still for one day's length over the city of Gebaon, but the day went forward in the same manner as other days. And the bissextrus is not through that, as some do think."

In France and some parts of Spain and Portugal there exists a tradition known as "the ghost of leap year." Believers in this say that a marvelous monster annually appears on leap day and disarranges human affairs for the remainder of the year.

## Bells in Ireland.

A peculiar interest attaches to the bells which tourists and collectors find in Ireland. It is said that it was St. Patrick who taught the monks and craftsmen how to make bells after he had gone to the Emerald Isle in 440. Many of the early bells remain and are examples of exquisite decoration. A copy of the bell cover of St. Patrick is now in the South Kensington museum and is a perfect example of Celtic art, while the silver bell of St. Mora, in the Wallace collection, is hardly less interesting. It is of a unique style, with its filigree ornaments plaited and twisted and interlaced.—Exchange.

## Rebuked.

The persevering landscape painter knew that he had an observer looking over his shoulder at the easel. He knew from the rustle of skirts that the observer was a woman; yet he worked steadily on. Presently the observer spoke.

"A charming landscape," she said. "Ah, you better me," said the artist modestly. "Compared with the original landscape it is very poor stuff."

"I meant the original," said the observer.—New York Times.

## A Puzzled Student.

Little Ethel had just returned from Sunday school and was looking very puzzled.

"Mamma," she said, "did they have very large legs in Bible days?"

"I don't know, dear," said her mother.

"Because," said the little girl, "our teacher said today that Abraham slept with his four fathers."

## Gave Warning.

Wife—Well, dear, I shall have to do the cooking now. Cook left without warning this afternoon. Husband—Not exactly without warning. She told me this morning I had better bring home some dyspepsia tablets tonight, but I didn't quite understand what she meant.—London Tit-Bits.

## Sarcastic.

Old Lady—Here's a penny, my poor man. Tell me, how did you become so destitute? Beggar—I was always like you, m'm, a-givin' away vast sums ter the pore an' needy.—Boston Transcript.

## One Thing Always Handy.

Husband (rummaging through a drawer)—Well, it's very strange I can never find anything. Wife—You can always find fault, it seems to me.

## Defined.

First Girl—What's biology mean? Second Girl—Why, it's the science of shopping, I suppose.—Boston Transcript.

Why destroy present happiness by a distant regret, that may never come at all?—Sydney Smith.



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